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- 11. Post is unaware of any sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) or trafficking in persons (TIP) issues with UNDOF peacekeepers, and we have seen no press reports of any issues. Post contacted three NGOs that are concerned with SEA and TIP in Northern Israel: Hotline for Migrant Workers, Isha L'Isha Haifa Feminist Center, and Kav LaOved Worker's Hotline. All three reported that the were unaware of any issues with UN Peacekeepers.
- 12. Ministry of Justice official Rachel Gershuni, National Coordinator of GOI Anti-Trafficking Efforts, reported that she had met with UNTSO, which provides Military Observers to UNDOF, and was satisfied with their efforts to combat SEA and TIP, including mandatory training programs. She was also unaware of any SEA or TIP issues.
- 13. The action request (ref) asked for the reference number of previous reports. Post was unable to locate any previous reports on this issue. The Point of Contact for this cable is Michael Honigstein, HonigsteinMD@state.gov, 972-3-519-7385.

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